

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada initiate discussions with the Provinces and Territories to create a National Advisory Committee on Alcohol and the Foetus. The Advisory Committee shall have a broad membership, including representatives from professional health-care organizations, social science and legal professions, government officials, parents' groups, and the beverage-alcohol industry. The Chairperson shall be elected by the Advisory Committee. The Committee shall report to the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, whose department shall provide funding for the Committee. (page 11)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, in consultation with the Provinces and Territories, promptly establish a National Resource Centre on Alcohol and the Foetus, the purpose of the Centre being to coordinate and disseminate information across Canada on all aspects of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Foetal Alcohol Effects (FAE). The Centre could most effectively and economically be developed from a currently active FAS/FAE resource group, such as The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. (page 12)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada recommend to his provincial and territorial counterparts the establishment of Provincial and Territorial FAS/FAE Co-ordinators who will focus on prevention, identification of high-risk individuals and groups, clinical services for women of child-bearing age, early identification of affected offspring, and treatment and care facilities for FAS/FAE children. Wherever possible, the provincial/territorial co-ordinator should be employed with an established health-care centre with expertise in these areas. (page 13)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Sub-Committee recommends that Health and Welfare Canada, with the participation of the National Advisory Committee on Alcohol and the Foetus, organize and fund a National Conference on Foetal Alcohol Effects and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome for the purposes of information exchange, the stimulation of research and treatment activity, and to raise public awareness of this issue. The Conference should be held before the end of 1993. (page 13)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada should amend the *Food and Drugs Act* and Regulations to require that containers for beverage alcohol sold in Canada, including beer, wine, and spirits, should carry an